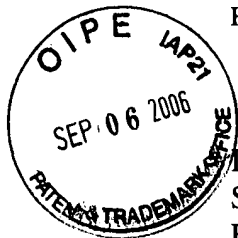


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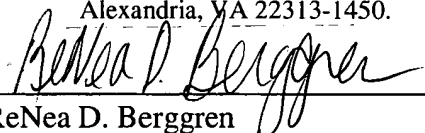
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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated August 18, 2006, for which the three-month shortened statutory period is set to expire on November 18, 2006. While Applicant believes that no extension of time for response is necessary, should the Office determine that any additional fees are necessary for this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies to Deposit Account No. 12-2252.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.